

BERNAL JOURNAL

THE FUTURE OF THE BERNAL JOURNAL

As of March 1976, the BJ faces a serious problem. At subscription rates of one dollar per year, and with only 200 people out of the 23,000 population of Bernal Heights supporting the newspaper, the BJ can no longer afford to print. The budget allows for only one more full-sized issue (which we were growing very fond of) and we have resisted the urge to make that final issue and deplete the funds completely. We hope by sending out this flyer we might kindle some concern for our financial condition. We see no alternative but to plea for help from the neighbors and merchants of Bernal Heights.

To date, the BJ has been sent to paid subscribers and many copies have been left at neighborhood stores to familiarize the residents of Bernal Heights with the newspaper. We have also delivered a few copies of each issue to various city departments and community organizations that we feel should be aware of our newspaper and our concerns. This free distribution was at the expense of the BJ. But the BJ continues to be supported by relatively few people, while the majority of the Hill remains apathetic. We've come to the disheartening realization that the BJ isn't currently the "people's newspaper" that we hoped it was--or would become.

Many smaller neighborhoods seem to have the unity to support a successful--at least continual--newspaper. We see no reason why Bernal Heights shouldn't be able to do so also. We urge you to send in your new and renewed subscriptions and encourage your friends and neighbors to do so. But it is no longer possible for the BJ to survive on dollar yearly subscriptions alone. We are asking that you send in an additional contribution--large or small. If this isn't possible for you, there are other ways to help maintain the newspaper. If every person talked one friend into subscribing and spoke to their local merchants about taking out advertising, just think... (We are even willing to pay 10% to anyone willing to collect.) And finally, we really need a couple of people who have some time and energy to pursue the BJ's eligibility for funding from commissions and foundations. Everyone can contribute in his or her own way.

With this additional funding the BJ will be able to fulfill its potentials: to be self-sufficient, to encompass the entire Bernal Heights community, and hopefully to become a monthly newspaper. You can help preserve the FUTURE OF THE BERNAL JOURNAL.

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THE PURPOSE OF THE BERNAL JOURNAL

is to preserve and improve the quality of life in Bernal Heights. All work is voluntary and everyone is welcome to help. Staff: Pat Helton, news gathering; Billie Jones, art and layout; Sandy Gill, distributing. Call Pat at 647-3665 for more info.

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NEWS. The news is that the Bernal Journal has run out of money. See back page for details, and how you can help.

FURTHER NEWS is that the Bernal Heights Association is activating the deactivated state of last year. WHEN? Wed. April 14, 7:30-9:30. WHERE? Precita Center, 534 Precita. WHY? Some people feel the different groups of people in Bernal Heights, including those people whose group is no group, need to get together and talk about neighborhood issues; that if we find out where we agree we can better relate to COMO, organizations in other neighborhoods, city hall...and each other, as well as strengthening ourselves for future sure-to-come battles to keep/or change our neighborhood to what we all want. See inside page for some of the current issues. Also, we will be nominating officers.

COMO ANNUAL CONGRESS

WHEN? Sat. Mar. 27, 1-5. WHERE? Luther Burbank Jr. Hi, 325 Le Grande. WHY? Bernal Heights needs support to elect our candidates, get more area representatives, and to get our resolutions adopted. Call 648-5605 to learn more.

COMMUNITY MEETING ON DISTRICT ELECTION OF SUPERVISORS

WHEN? Wed. Mr. 31 7:30-9:30. WHERE? St. Kevins Church, Cortland/Anderson. WHY? To get Bernal Heights' input as to where we would like district lines to be drawn for the up-coming initiative for district election of the S.F. Board of Supervisors. If there are eleven districts, about 70,000 persons are needed for a district. Bernal Heights has 24,000, so we would combine with another neighborhood. Which one, or ones? Also we will elect five persons to be on the all-city committee for the final drafting of the initiative and for liaison with our community.

B.H. MEETING ON NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS. FRIEND OR KILLER?

WHEN? Tues. April 6, 7:30-9:30. WHERE? St. Kevins Church, Anderson/Cortland. WHY? This June we will vote yes or no on required safety measures for nuclear plants, which may affect our very life, those of our children, and the lives of future generations for 500,000 years, which is the strength of the cancer-producing waste product plutonium. We will have speakers from Project Survival.

For rides to these meetings...647-3665

Pat Helton

What's Happening...

POLICE PROTECTION

Anyone who has read the Bernal Journal at all knows we have for the last year, unsuccessfully, been attempting to a) get more adequate police protection, especially when the social security checks are being cashed and when community meetings are being held, and b) get the police people to get out of their cars and meet and talk to the people they are supposed to be protecting.

A seemingly new development has taken place, as those of you who watch T.V. news know. I didn't see the news, but I heard it was misshappen pertaining to the real situation. Who knows.

At a recent COMO area meeting, three women and a man made complaints that a certain police officer had an unusually and unwarranted disrespectful attitude towards people..very arrogant and suspicious. Later this officer was transferred.

The thing that seems to be happening now is that some of the older persons, especially, who have very frequently been the victims of purse snatchings and even muggings, are worried that the police will no longer afford us even the inadequate protection we have had so far because some of us complained about the actions of one policeman.

Wed. Mar. 31, 7:30. District Election of S.F. Bd. of Supervisors meeting to draw lines for Bernal Heights. St. Kevins Church

Wed. Mar. 31, 7:30. Nosferatu, The Vampire (1922) movie. Bernal Library

Tues. April 6, 7:30. Talk and Discussion of Nuclear Power Plants. St. Kevins

Wed. April 7, 7:30, Hawaiian Dances and Chanting, plus slides. Bernal Library

Tues. April 12, 7:30. 248 Bonview. Block Club Meeting for Winfield, Elsie, Bonview, Bocano, Eugenia, Virginia

Wed. April 13 7:30. Bernal Heights Association Meeting. Precita Center

Wed. April 13 7:30. St. Kevins. Block Club Meeting for Upper Ellsworth, Anderson, Moultrie, Andover, Wool, Bennington, Eugenia, Powhtn

Sun. April 18 1 p.m. Top of the Hill Clean-up. West Quarry (Moultrie)

WANNA.....Play Bing? See or participate in a Talent Event for young people? Go to a Luau? Attend classes in modern dance and belly dancing on Saturday morning or classes in movement and acting on Sundays? (both classes are free or have a small token fee) If interested, call PRECITA CENTER, 285-7833.

Sun. April 25 11 a.m. Philipino Group. St. Kevins

Every Thursday at 12. Senior Citizens at the Bernal Playground

Everyday...zillions of kids playing on the new structure in back of the library

Send in your meeting dates and events, folks. Gotta let the people know what's going on in the neighborhood.

Every Sat. & Sun., 12-5, Nanny Goat Co-op Art Gallery. 3205 Folsom

Relating to this worry, I talked to many people in the neighborhood. Uniformly I found that adults and teenagers alike found his attitude disrespectful out of all proportion to what the situation was. On the other hand, I heard many good remarks about an Officer King who used to walk the beat. According to one person, he was strict, and firm, but everyone respected him.. and therefore obeyed him. We need more Officers like Officer King.

There are three resolutions relating to the police coming from Bernal Hts for the COMO Congress. All three deal with the community's need to have some say in the type of police protection we receive. As a neighborhood we need to talk these issues over so we will be able to meet the opposition outside our neighborhood. Come to the next BHA meeting. Maybe we can work on it.

COMMUNITY CENTER for Bernal Heights has been approved to the tune of 1/5 of 1 1/2 million dollars from Community Development, Revenue Sharing Funds. But, what will we do with it? What kind of a building? Where? How will we staff it, since the money covers only the building. What kinds of programs will we have? All this needs to be talked about. Again, come to the BHA meeting. We can start to make inroads on this important issue.

R.A.P. This controversial issue has cooled down quite a bit. At the last COMO B.H. area meeting it was decided that we would request a study for alternative ways to implement R.A.P. This study has now been approved and a Committee is working on our alternate proposal. If you want to get in on this, call Andy at 648-7465 (keep trying).

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